

SULLIVAN ANSWERS HEARST'S CHARGE

Massachusetts Congressman Admits the Charge, but Points Out That He Was Only Technically Guilty and Left the Trial Court a Free Man.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Sullivan-Hearst episode had another airing in the House to-day, when Mr. Sullivan, again rising to a question of personal privilege, declared that on yesterday Mr. Hearst had forced his offer to make a statement concerning his connection with the homicide to which Mr. Hearst alluded.

Mr. Sullivan admitted it to be true that November 24, 1885, his father, Eugene H. Sullivan, and himself, were convicted of manslaughter in the Superior Court of the Middlesex County, Mass., Justice.

"The case arose in this manner," said Mr. Sullivan. "My father was the sole proprietor of a licensed hotel known as the Central House, in Cambridge, Mass. An intoxicated man, who was not a guest, had not entered the hotel that day, came up to the bar, and my father, seeing him, shut the door upon him. Thereupon the man went around to the back door and broke a window. My father, who was a constable, took the man by the collar and demanded he pay for the damage he had done. The man responded by striking him and a fight ensued.

It is a fact, and one that has never been denied, that no weapons of any kind were used by either side. I came upon the scene in time when my father was being overpowered by the man, and took the part of my father in the struggle. They were found that the man was knocked down a blow from my father's fist and struck me in the face, and the curb stone and became unconscious.

There was testimony in the trial of the case that he had recovered consciousness and died some two days after the assault.

BOY NOT SENTENCED

At the conclusion of the trial my father was sentenced to three years in the House of Correction. The District Attorney of his motion, stating that that he would seek no sentence against me, as I was then but a boy 17 years old, in my first year at the Boston Law School and without any legal training in the matter at all, that I was held solely responsible. I was present and was a party concerned in the assault, and I was only technically guilty, but the court placed my case on the I was not held one cent nor imprisoned one minute.

After eighteen months of my father's term of confinement, the Governor's Council of Massachusetts, overruled his motion, and this action was due to the fact that the witness who did not appear at the trial, the Constable and myself, had gone with the deceased the next day and were in Boston, when he obtained his pardon, and the deceased came back to us, so that the court could not hear the witness testify that during the night the deceased got up in his house and while proceeding toward the yard which adjoined our house, fell and struck his head, was then picked up unconsious, brought to his bed and remained there until regaining consciousness until he died.

JUDGMENT IS RAISED

This cast a doubt in the minds of the spectators as to whether the court in its judgment had caused the man to fall down the stairs, most of them inclining to the view that it was the fall down the stairs which produced the fracture of the skull that resulted in unconsciousness, from which he never recovered.

Mr. Sullivan declared that the most that could be said against him was that he was not entirely guilty of the offense charged, the District Attorney having admitted that he was not even guilty.

"I am constrained to say, however," said Mr. Sullivan, "that if my father were now alive, and he were to be attacked in his home, he would appeal to his defense. All the facts he said were fully published in all the newspapers in the city of Boston at the time, and were before the Massachusetts Senate in their and all to the Congress of the United States in 1862, and '63, and '64, and '65, and '66, and '67, and '68, and '69, and '70, and '71, and '72, and '73, and '74, and '75, and '76, and '77, and '78, and '79, and '80, and '81, and '82, and '83, and '84, and '85, and '86, and '87, and '88, and '89, and '90, and '91, and '92, and '93, and '94, and '95, and '96, and '97, and '98, and '99, and '00, and '01, and '02, and '03, and '04, and '05, and '06, and '07, and '08, and '09, and '10, and '11, and '12, and '13, and '14, and '15, and '16, and '17, and '18, and '19, and '20, and '21, and '22, and '23, and '24, and '25, and '26, and '27, and '28, and '29, and '30, and '31, and '32, and '33, and '34, and '35, and '36, and '37, and '38, and '39, and '40, and '41, and '42, and '43, and '44, and '45, and '46, and '47, and '48, and '49, and '50, and 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